

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) Device for dispensing a liquid, said device comprising a housing **[(1,2)]**, equipped with a trigger **[(4)]**, and arranged within said housing : an electrical circuit comprising a voltage source **[(10)]**, a switch **[(11)]** arranged to be activated by pulling back said trigger, a motor **[(12)]**, said motor being coupled to a pump **[(13)]**, for pumping up said liquid from a container and ejecting said liquid through a nozzle **[(5)]**, characterized in that said housing further comprises :
 - a valve housing comprising a first and second portion ~~**[(20,21)]**~~, interconnected by an opening **[(26)]**, an inlet **[(17)]** towards said first portion **[(20)]** and an outlet **[(18)]** out of said second portion **[(21)]**,
 - a valve body **[(22)]** arranged inside said first portion **[(20)]**, said body comprising a first portion **[(19)]** and a dome-shaped portion **[(24)]** integrally moulded with said first portion **[(19)]**, said dome-shaped portion being of a resiliently flexible material and placed against a valve seat **[(25)]** formed around said opening **[(26)]**, thereby closing off said opening, in the non-operative state of the device, and
 - a piston **[(30)]**, in cooperative arrangement with said trigger **[(4)]**, said piston being slidably arranged inside said second portion **[(21)]** of said valve housing

[[15]], thereby substantially sealing off said portion from the outside environment, said piston [[30]] comprising a part [[34]] which can extend through said opening [[26]] when the trigger is pulled back, thereby pushing said dome-shaped portion [[24]] away from the valve seat.

2. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein said first and second portion of said valve housing [[15]] and said first portion of said valve body [[22]] are cylindrical in shape.

3. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~, wherein said piston [[30]] is supported by a helical spring [[31]] which rests on a seat [[34]], opposite said valve seat, said spring being arranged so that it is compressed when the trigger is pulled back.

4. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1, ~~[[2 or 3,]]~~ wherein said housing is formed by two shell parts ~~[[1, 2]]~~ assembled together.

5. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 4, wherein said valve body [[22]] is held in place inside said valve housing by ribs [[23]], which are an integral part of said shell parts ~~[[1,2]]~~.

6. (Currently amended) The device according to ~~any of~~ ~~claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein said device is closed at the bottom except for an opening for the passage of a flexible tube

which is to be connected to the inlet ~~[(17)]~~ of said valve housing ~~[(15)]~~.

7. (Currently amended) The device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein said device is open at the bottom and comprises means for being attached on top of a liquid bottle.

8. (Currently amended) The device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein said pump is a gear pump.